

Amendment to BACK SUPPORT SYSTEM
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, and 4-11 remain in this application. Claims 3 and 12 were previously cancelled. Claims 1, 9 and 10 have been previously amended. Claims 1 and 10 are currently being twice amended.

The claims that were submitted in conjunction with this patent application have been rejected over the references of Santos, Kiyomiya, et al., Fung, Nemoto, et al., Isono, et al., and Sekido, et al. under 35 U.S.C. §102(b). These rejections are respectfully traversed. Each of the references that have been used to reject the claimed subject matter of the present invention do not show that the bladders have been specifically shaped to accommodate to a particular series of back muscles of a human. Therefore, independent Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to include this terminology. It is now believed that the independent Claims 1 and 10 and dependent Claims 2, 4-9 and 11 are all in condition for formal allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

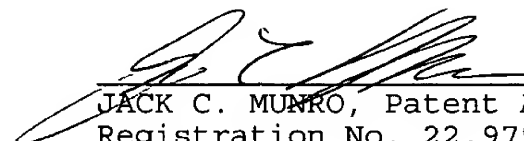
It is to be noted that this response is being submitted under a third month extension. Therefore, also enclosed is Form PTO 2038 for the paying of the third month extension fee in the amount of \$475.

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additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment
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